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**Further information on UA 487/90 (ASA 17/72/90, 3 December 1990) - Legal Concern: Lu Jiamin, Wang Dan**

**People's Republic of China:LU Jiamin  
WANG Dan**

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Wang Dan, a 25 year old history student at Beijing University detained for over 17 months, went on trial on 23 January 1991 according to a notice posted outside the Beijing People's Intermediate Court. In November 1990 Wang Dan was charged with "counter-revolutionary propoganda and agitation" which according to the Chinese Criminal Law carries a minimum sentence of five years' imprisonment. In December 1989 Wang Dan was taken up by Amnesty International as a prisoner of conscience.

There is no further information at present concerning Lu Jiamin, a researcher and professor at the Chinese Workers Movement Institute, who has been detained since 11 July 1989.

Since the beginning of 1991 at least 20 dissidents are now known to have been brought to trial for activities related to the 1989 pro-democracy movement (see UA 07/91, ASA 17/02/91, 11 January; UA 16/91, ASA 17/03/91 dated 16 January; UA 18/91, ASA 17/04/91 dated 18 January; and UA 19/91, ASA 17/06/91 dated 18 January). Eight of these dissidents, have reportedly been given prison sentences ranging from two to twelve years.

According to information reaching Amnesty International the verdicts of the other trials have not yet been announced.

Although official reports have indicated that "local residents" were allowed to attend the trials of some dissidents earlier this month, relatives of some of the accused are reported to have been excluded from the trials. Relatives of at least one defendant have apparently indicated that they were not officially informed of the proceedings.

Foreign correspondents and diplomats in Beijing were also denied permission to attend the trials.

Trial procedures in China fall far short of international standards for fairness. Defendants may be unable to obtain the assistance of the lawyers of their choice and to call defence witnesses. In trials of other dissidents held earlier this month, defendants reportedly had to submit their defence statements to the court in advance for approval.

Amnesty International is concerned that Wang Dan is being held solely for the peaceful exercise of fundamental human rights and calls on the Government of the People's Republic of China to release him immediately and unconditionally. It is further concerned that all those held for their involvement in the 1989 pro-democracy movement may be denied fair and open trials in accordance with agreed international standards for fair trials.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:**

- expressing concern that Wang Dan is being held for the peaceful exercise of fundamental human rights and urging the authorities to release him immediately and unconditionally;
- expressing concern that the trial procedures for those held for their involvement in the 1989 pro-democracy movement may not meet up with agreed international standards for fair trials and urging the authorities to allow international observers to attend the trials;
- urging the authorities to make public the transcripts of Wang Dan's trial.

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